



TULLOW C.S MATCH REPORT



T.C.S U19 BOYS ON WRONG SIDE OF 7 GOAL OPENER

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On Friday 20th of October, the Tullow Community School U19 boys' soccer team kicked off their season taking on Presentation College Carlow at Hanover pitch in Carlow. The match kicked off at 11:00am on Friday morning on a damp and cloudy morning leaving slippery conditions underfoot. The game started slowly with the teams happy to hold position through spells and feel their way into the game. It was Tullow who started to get a foot hold in the game first with a couple of good speculative efforts being stopped by the Pres goalkeeper. However, it was Pres Carlow who would strike first in the game when they broke clear on a counterattack in the 12th minute to opening the scoring and take an early lead against the run of play. Pres took the initiative for the next 10 minutes and started to press the Tullow back four but even when they did manage to penetrate the Tullow defence, they found goalkeeper Callum Murray

in fine form with a couple of excellent saves to keep the scoreline to the bare minimum. Nearing half time TCS nearly levelled proceedings when an amazing pass from Conor Nolan found Noah Mulligan whose brilliant shot forced a wonderful save from the Pres goalkeeper. The score at half time was 1:0 to Presentation College Carlow.





At half time Mr O'Reilly gave the lads an encouraging half-time team talk. Mr O'Reilly told them what they were doing well and what they could improve on, they responded well to this talk and looked set to begin the second half brightly. Fresh legs were brought on for the second half with Danny Gibson and Noah Mulligan going off and Charlie Brennan and Rory Gavin replacing them. The start that the TCS lads wanted for the second half was not to be do as within the first minute of tip off Pres broke through on the Tullow goal and scored to extend their lead to 2 goals. The TCS players now knew they had to get the next goal and they duly obliged when Dylan O Reily finally opened their scoring with a nicely worked goal 11 minutes into the second half. Buoyed by this breakthrough Tullow really started to turn the screw and were nearly level moments later with only the width of the crossbar denying them the equalising goal. But they weren't to be denied for much longer as in the 22nd minute of the second half Dylan O'Reilly again provided the goods for TCS when he found the back of the Pres net with his second goal of the game to tie it up at 2 apiece. As the weather started to deteriorate and playing conditions became really tough the TCS lads were stalled in their fight back when an unfortunate hand ball gave Pres Carlow a free kick just outside the Tullow box which was beautifully dispatched to give Pres the lead once again. Shortly after Pres Carlow took advantage of a mix up in a tired TCS defense and extended their lead back to two goals with 10 minutes left in the game. Given the tough conditions and the effort needed to get the game back to 2-2 initially the Tullow players could have been excused for giving up but they never did and with 5 minutes to go a corner drilled in by Dylan O'Reilly found Frankie Fitzgerald who swept the ball into the back of the net to leave the score at 4-3 and set up a dramatic finish. Try as they might do the Tullow lads could force that elusive equaliser and the game finished with a full-time score of 4:3 with a win for the Presentation College. After the game TCS coach Mr O'Reilly said he was very happy with the performance of the team and well done to all the players and coaches involved.



Tullow team:

1. Callum Murray
2. Robert Coleman
3. Oisín Nolan
4. Daniel Whelan
5. David McHugh
6. Frankie Fitzgerald
7. Dylan O Reilly
8. Conor Nolan
9. Noah Mulligan
10. Johny Maher
11. Danny Gibson
12. Shane O Connor Keogh
13. Ian Fleming
14. Jack Brian
15. Rory Gavin
16. Conor Sutherland
17. Jamie Maher
18. Charlie Brennan

